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such a mass of useful and thoroughly reliable information, and when we consider the painstaking care and discrimination with which it has been done, we cannot sufficiently thank the authors, Professor Bessey, to whom the inception of the work was due, and the several workers who are given credit in the preface. Their work is undoubtedly destined to exert a far-reaching influence and act as a stimulus everywhere. Is it too much to hope that before long every state and even much lesser divisions may be as well explored botanically as Nebraska?

COLTON RUSSELL.

The Cyclopedia of American Horticulture.¹—The third volume of this important work, the earlier volumes of which were noticed in the *Naturalist* for April and September, 1900, sustains the high character with which the Cyclopedia began,—as, indeed, was to be expected, since the work as a whole was planned and the preparation of the later volumes well in hand before the appearance of the first volume. Leaving a fuller notice of the entire work until the concluding volume shall have been received, which will scarcely be later than autumn, it may be said now that among the subjects of special interest in the present volume are the revisions of *Narcissus*, *Nymphæa*, *Pæonia*, *Papaver*, and *Pelargonium*, representatives of which are commonly cultivated in our flower gardens in the open air; *Nepenthes*, *Odontoglossum*, *Oncidium*, *Oxalis*, and *Primula*, treated as house plants; the genera *Opuntia*, *Picea*, *Pinus*, *Populus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, and *Quercus*, of botanical interest; the Orange, Peach, Pear, and Plum, of further interest to the fruit-grower; Orchids and Palms, of comprehensive gardening contents; and instructive articles on the physiology of plants, and plant breeding.

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The Flora of Cheshire.—J. Byrne Leicester Warren, Lord de Tabley, a man little heard of in this country as a botanist, but one of the most painstaking followers of one branch of that science, of the passing generation, affords a good illustration of the versatility of the English gentleman, for he was at once a poet of no mean attainments, an authority on numismatics, a conservative politician, and a man one of whose principal pleasures through life was direct and interested contact with nature. A quarter of a century ago he

¹ Bailey, L. H., and Miller, W. *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture, N-Q*. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1901. xv + 432 pp., 11 pls., 606 figs.